[17th March 1955

National Extension Service Scheme in Tiruvallur taluk.

* 1427 *Q.*—SRI V. GOVINDASWAMI NAIDU (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of works taken up for execution under National Extension Schemes in Tiruvallur taluk during the year 1953–54; and

(*b*) the number of works left over for want of contribution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Fifty.

" (*b*) Two."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Have the Government any proposals for implementing protected water-supply . . . ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are in question No. 1427."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" For the fifty works that have been taken up under the National Extension Service, did the villagers contribute the 50 per cent that was prescribed by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The villagers did contribute, but the 50 per cent is not invariably insisted upon."

Public holiday on the birth-day of Sri Narayana Guru Dev.

* 1428 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to declare the birth-day of Sri Narayana Guru Dev as a public holiday throughout the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

(The hon. Member Sri Gopalakrishnan stood up in his seat to put a supplementary question.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is one non-official Resolution before the House and I have given enough time for it. I do not think there is necessity for putting supplementaries on this question now. I think the matter will be taken up at the next non-official day."

Labour dispute in Mettur Industries.

* 1429 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report of the Conciliation Officer regarding the dispute over the bonus for the year 1953–54 between the Mettur Industries and their workers;

(*b*) the further steps taken by the Government to settle the dispute; and

(*c*) whether the Government consulted the Union of workers regarding the settlement of the dispute?